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# **'71-'72 Transit Fact Book**

# **TRANSIT FACT BOOK**

Annual Summary of Basic Data and Trends  
in the Transit Industry of the United States

## **1971 - 1972 EDITION**

**T**HIS IS THE TWENTY-NINTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical Department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the "71-72" edition and covers operations of the U.S. transit industry through 1971. (The figures reported for 1971 are preliminary.)

The transit industry represented in this publication comprises all organized local transportation agencies, both publicly and privately owned, in the United States. It does not include taxi cabs, suburban or commuter railroads, sightseeing buses or school buses.

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## LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP — 1971

The legislative docket was full again in 1971, as ATA concentrated on a wide range of proposals vital to the cause of urban mass transit. Included were:

- The funding level of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.
- The drive for federal fare stabilization payments for an industry currently weighed down by a collective operating deficit of over one-third of a billion dollars.
- The overtime exemption for operating employees of transit systems.
- The necessity for permissive legislation to allow the use of 102" buses on the nation's Interstate Highway System.
- The "National School Bus Glossy Yellow" provision.
- Repeal of the 10% excise tax on buses.

### Funding Level

In assessing the hopes and plans that were generated by the passage of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970, the expenditure record for fiscal 1971, by any measure, was a vast disappointment.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) late in January took an ax to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) budget and chopped it down to the bone.

ATA detailed the industry's needs in testimony before the appropriations committees of the House of Representatives and Senate in May and July.

Following ATA testimony, the Senate and House Conferees on Appropriations agreed in August to a \$900 million ceiling, \$300 million above the administration request. Recognizing that the \$900 million is still \$100 million under the Senate-passed version, ATA at year's end is continuing its effort to secure the maximum obligations for fiscal 1972.

### Fare Stabilization

Perhaps the single most vital goal of ATA currently is the passage of a program of federal fare stabilization payments or operating assistance for transit.

On April 6 representatives of ATA and the transit industry told a Senate subcommittee that the transit industry is on the brink of bankruptcy, and that financial aid in the form of fare stabilization payments is a desperate industry need.

The bill the panel was supporting was S870, authored by Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., (D-N.J.) and Charles A. Percy (R-Ill.), intended as a stop-gap measure to meet the growing financial crises of the nation's transit systems.

### 102-Inch Bus

In July the House of Representatives approved a bill (HR4354) to authorize an increase of six inches in the widths of buses allowed to operate on the Interstate Highway System. ATA, joined the National Association of Motor Bus Operators in supporting the measure.

ATA termed the ban on 102-inch-wide buses a serious drawback to bus transportation especially on those properties offering charter service. ATA added that wider aisles made possible by wider buses is an important safety and convenience factor and that wider buses also provide more shoulder and hip room for seated passengers.

The House-passed bill was referred to the Senate Works Committee,



### **Overtime Exemption**

Another major concern to ATA is a proposal that would repeal the present overtime exemption for operating employees of transit systems.

ATA testified in April before the General Labor Subcommittee urging the retention of the present overtime exemption, pointing out that several hundred transit systems would be seriously affected if this exemption is repealed. ATA pointed out that the bill would maintain the overtime pay exemptions for interstate motor carriers, railroads, express companies, pipelines, air carriers and taxi cab drivers while in the same breath it denies this exemption for urban transit operating employees.

In September ATA testified on the Senate version of the bill, attempting to bring home to Congress the fact that the ultimate ones to suffer if the overtime exemption is repealed would be the people dependent on public transportation.

### **Yellow School Bus**

The push for a nationwide yellow school bus came to a stop sign Dec. 1 after ATA protested the "arbitrary and discriminatory" requirement of the proposed Standard 17.

ATA testified that ATA was in complete agreement with the stated purposes of the measure "to reduce to the greatest extent possible, the danger of death or injury to school children..." the industry was in complete disagreement that buses that carry school children must be painted National School Bus Yellow.

ATA pointed out that the measure would effectively exclude transit buses from transporting school children and further brought out that transit system buses were infinitely safer than the stereotyped school buses, and were in even greater demand since a large number of students now have to be carried further to comply with the additional requirements of school desegregation.

The House Committee on Public Works agreed with ATA as it recommended to the Department of Transportation that the proposed standard on "pupil transportation safety" and "accident investigation" not be issued in their present form "at this time."

### **Repeal of Excise Tax**

Another victory for the transit industry came late in the year when the ATA-endorsed amendment to repeal the 10% excise tax on city mass transit buses was approved as part of the Revenue Act of 1971.

The measure, authored by Senator Williams, was one of the very few Senate proposals agreed to by the Senate-House conferees.

In introducing the amendment Williams provided figures showing that in 1970 1,442 local transit buses were purchased by public and privately-owned systems. Of this total an estimated 300 were purchased by private systems. The excise tax realized on these buses amounted to less than \$1.2 million.

The average 50-passenger city transit bus requires a payment of a federal excise tax of as much as \$4,000. This tax must, of course, be passed on to the purchaser as part of the total price.

This, said ATA, is an added cost burden which the privately-owned systems can no longer afford.

Congress agreed.

## THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY - 1971

### Distribution of Transit Systems by Population Groups (1970 Census)

(Each System is counted only in the population group  
of the largest city it serves.)

POPULATION GROUP	Rail Transit (Incl. Joint Trolley Coach And/or Motor Bus)	Trolley Coach And Motor Bus Operations Combined	Motor Bus (Exclusively)	GRAND TOTAL
500,000 and over . . . . .	10	1	20	31
250,000 – 500,000 . . . . .	2	1	40	43
100,000 – 250,000 . . . . .	0	0	80	80
50,000 – 100,000 . . . . .	0	0	122	122
Less than 50,000 . . . . .	0	0	402	402
Suburban and Other . . . . .	3	0	382	385
TOTAL . . . . .	15	2	1,046	1,063

## PUBLICLY OWNED SYSTEMS

	1971	% of Industry
Number of Systems	151	14%
Operating Revenue (Thous)	\$1,444,781	83%
Vehicle Miles Operated (Thous)	1,292,410	70%
Revenue Passgrs. Carried (Thous)	4,617,480	84%
No. of Employees (Avg.)	118,252	85%
Passenger Vehicles Owned (Total)	41,301	68%
Motor Buses	29,982	61%
Subway & Elevated	9,325	100%
Surface Railway	1,176	96%
Trolley Coaches	913	88%

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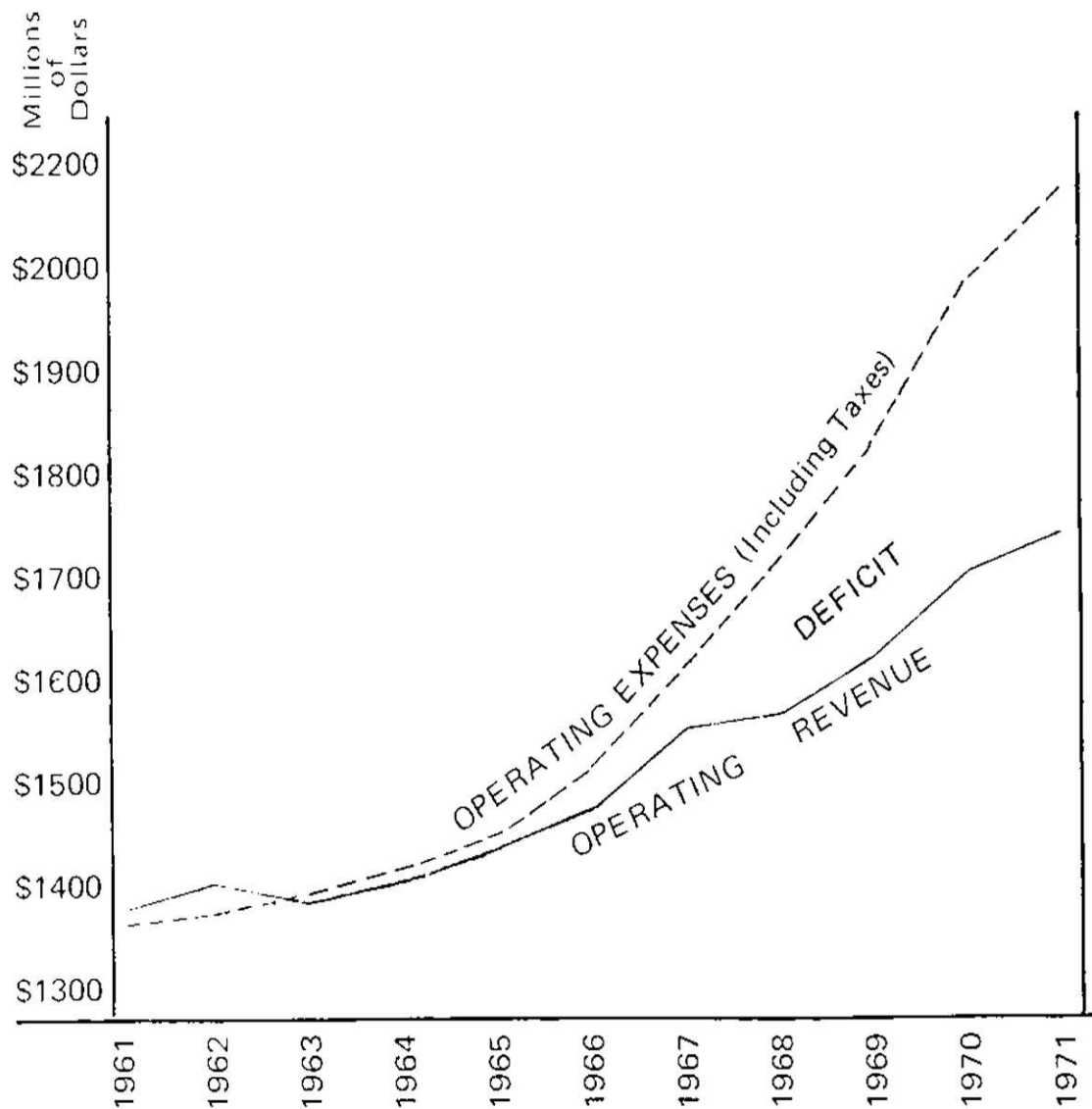
## TREND OF TRANSIT OPERATIONS

**TABLE NO. 1**  
**Results of Operations in the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Including Depreciation)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
						OPERATING EXPENSES (Including Depreciation)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)			
1935 .....	\$ 681,400	\$ 534,930	\$146,470	\$ 50,460	\$96,010	78.50	7.41	14.09
1940 .....	737,000	598,030	138,970	62,690	76,280	81.14	8.51	10.35
1945 .....	1,380,400	1,067,140	313,260	164,530	148,730	77.31	11.92	10.77
1950 .....	1,452,100	1,296,690	155,410	89,040	66,370	89.30	6.13	4.57
1955 .....	1,426,400	1,277,370	149,030	93,320	55,710	89.55	6.54	3.91
1956 .....	1,416,100	1,271,360	144,740	89,050	55,690	89.78	6.29	3.93
1957 .....	1,385,600	1,261,560	124,040	87,430	36,610	91.05	6.31	2.64
1958 .....	1,349,500	1,265,850	83,650	77,060	6,590	93.80	5.71	0.49
1959 .....	1,376,400	1,266,080	110,320	84,700	25,620	91.99	6.15	1.86
1960 .....	1,407,200	1,289,850	117,350	86,660	30,690	91.66	6.16	2.18
1961 .....	1,389,700	1,295,770	93,930	77,200	16,730	93.24	5.56	1.20
1962 .....	1,403,500	1,306,000	97,500	77,800	19,700	93.05	5.54	1.41
1963 .....	1,390,600	1,312,560	78,040	78,920	(D) 880	94.39	5.68	—
1964 .....	1,408,100	1,342,580	65,520	77,910	(D) 12,390	95.35	5.53	—
1965 .....	1,443,800	1,373,760	70,040	80,650	(D) 10,610	95.15	5.59	—
1966 .....	1,478,500	1,423,760	54,740	91,810	(D) 37,070	96.30	6.21	—
1967 .....	1,556,000	1,530,864	25,136	91,704	(D) 66,568	98.38	5.89	—
1968 .....	1,562,739	1,625,314	(D) 62,575	98,497	(D)161,072	104.04	6.37	—
1969 .....	1,625,633	1,744,989	(D)119,356	101,156	(D)220,512	107.34	6.22	—
1970 .....	1,707,418	1,891,743	(D)184,325	103,887	(D)288,212	110.80	6.08	—
P 1971 .....	1,740,700	2,040,453	(D)299,753	111,647	(D)411,400	117.20	6.42	—

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**FIGURE I**  
**RESULTS OF TRANSIT OPERATIONS**  
**1961-1971**



## TRANSIT TAXES IN 1971

TABLE NO. 2

### Transit Taxes in 1971

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total) . . . . .	<b>\$71,364,760</b>	63.92%
Income Taxes . . . . .	11,432,650	10.24
Other Federal Taxes . . . . .	59,932,110	53.68
State, County and Local Taxes . . . . .	40,282,240	36.08
TOTAL TAXES . . . . .	\$111,647,000	100.00%

## TRANSIT TAXES IN 1970

TABLE NO. 3

### Transit Taxes in 1970

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total) . . . . .	\$66,197,000	63.72%
Income Taxes . . . . .	11,843,000	11.40
Other Federal Taxes . . . . .	54,354,000	52.32
State, County and Local Taxes . . . . .	37,690,000	36.28
TOTAL TAXES . . . . .	\$103,887,000	100.00%

## REVENUE PASSENGERS (BY POPULATION GROUPS)

**TABLE NO. 4**  
**Revenue Passengers in the United States by Population Groups**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT (MILLIONS)	SURFACE LINES						TOTAL (MILLIONS)
		500,000 AND OVER (MILLIONS)	250,000- 500,000 (MILLIONS)	100,000- 250,000 (MILLIONS)	50,000- 100,000 (MILLIONS)	LESS THAN 50,000 (MILLIONS)	SUBURBAN AND OTHER (MILLIONS)	
1935 . . .	2,252	4,050	1,113	840	532	179	816	9,782
1940 . . .	2,282	4,305	1,312	1,020	742	291	552	10,504
1945 . . .	2,555	6,969	2,920	2,359	1,899	932	1,348	18,982
1950* . . .	2,113	5,207	2,007	1,585	1,323	728	882	13,845
1955* . . .	1,741	3,478	1,286	953	786	360	585	9,189
1956* . . .	1,749	3,368	1,179	866	715	324	555	8,756
1957* . . .	1,706	3,274	1,078	811	655	285	529	8,338
1958* . . .	1,635	3,095	984	720	596	254	494	7,778
1959* . . .	1,647	3,057	956	696	582	240	472	7,650
1960* . . .	1,670	2,997	911	691	554	230	468	7,521
1961** . . .	1,680	3,089	701	523	554	217	478	7,242
1962** . . .	1,704	3,029	680	496	533	212	468	7,122
1963** . . .	1,661	2,990	642	462	504	205	451	6,915
1964** . . .	1,698	2,991	612	432	486	194	441	6,854
1965** . . .	1,678	3,000	606	416	474	192	432	6,798
1966** . . .	1,584	3,003	608	413	483	194	386	6,671
1967** . . .	1,632	2,945	597	409	469	190	374	6,616
1968** . . .	1,627	2,886	581	396	455	171	375	6,491
1969** . . .	1,656	2,787	565	365	422	150	365	6,310
1970*** . . .	1,574	2,610	529	342	395	140	342	5,932
P 1971*** . . .	1,494	2,399	739	234	196	107	328	5,497

\*Population distribution based upon 1950 census.

\*\*Population distribution based upon 1960 census.

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\*\*\*Population distribution based on 1970 census.

## TREND OF TOTAL PASSENGERS

**TABLE NO. 5**  
**Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1940-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH  (Millions)	MOTOR BUS  (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL  (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1940 ..	5,943	2,382	8,325	534	4,239	13,098
1945 ..	9,426	2,698	12,124	1,244	9,886	23,254
1950 ..	3,904	2,264	6,168	1,658	9,420	17,246
1955 ..	1,207	1,870	3,077	1,202	7,250	11,529
1956 ..	876	1,880	2,756	1,142	7,043	10,941
1957 ..	679	1,843	2,522	993	6,874	10,389
1958 ..	572	1,815	2,387	843	6,502	9,732
1959 ..	521	1,828	2,349	749	6,459	9,557
1960 ..	463	1,850	2,313	657	6,425	9,395
1961 ..	434	1,855	2,289	601	5,993	8,883
1962 ..	393	1,890	2,283	547	5,865	8,695
1963 ..	329	1,836	2,165	413	5,822	8,400
1964 ..	289	1,877	2,166	349	5,813	8,328
1965 ..	276	1,858	2,134	305	5,814	8,253
1966 ..	282	1,753	2,035	284	5,764	8,083
1967 ..	263	1,938	2,201	248	5,723	8,172
1968 ..	253	1,928	2,181	228	5,610	8,019
1969 ..	249	1,980	2,229	199	5,375	7,803
1970 ..	235	1,881	2,116	182	5,034	7,332
P 1971	222	1,778	2,000	148	4,699	6,847

## TREND OF REVENUE PASSENGERS

**TABLE NO. 6**  
**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1940-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH  (Millions)	MOTOR BUS  (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL  (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1940 ..	4,182.5	2,281.9	5,464.4	419.2	3,620.1	10,503.7
1945 ..	7,080.9	2,555.1	9,636.0	1,001.2	8,344.7	18,981.9
1950 ..	2,790.0	2,113.0	4,903.0	1,261.0	7,681.0	13,845.0
1955 ..	845.0	1,741.0	2,586.0	869.0	5,734.0	9,189.0
1956 ..	625.0	1,749.0	2,374.0	814.0	5,568.0	8,756.0
1957 ..	491.0	1,706.0	2,197.0	703.0	5,438.0	8,338.0
1958 ..	415.0	1,635.0	2,050.0	593.0	5,135.0	7,778.0
1959 ..	378.0	1,647.0	2,025.0	517.0	5,108.0	7,650.0
1960 ..	335.0	1,670.0	2,005.0	447.0	5,069.0	7,521.0
1961 ..	323.0	1,680.0	2,003.0	405.0	4,834.0	7,242.0
1962 ..	284.0	1,704.0	1,988.0	361.0	4,773.0	7,122.0
1963 ..	238.0	1,661.0	1,899.0	264.0	4,752.0	6,915.0
1964 ..	213.0	1,698.0	1,911.0	214.0	4,729.0	6,854.0
1965 ..	204.0	1,678.0	1,882.0	186.0	4,730.0	6,798.0
1966 ..	211.0	1,584.0	1,795.0	174.0	4,702.0	6,671.0
1967 ..	196.0	1,632.0	1,828.0	155.0	4,633.0	6,616.0
1968 ..	187.3	1,627.0	1,814.3	152.2	4,524.5	6,491.0
1969 ..	183.4	1,656.3	1,839.7	135.3	4,335.3	6,310.3
1970 ..	172.4	1,573.5	1,745.9	127.5	4,058.3	5,931.7
P 1971	155.1	1,494.0	1,649.1	113.1	3,734.8	5,497.0

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## TREND OF OPERATING REVENUE

**TABLE NO. 7**  
**Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1940-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH  (Millions)	MOTOR BUS  (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL  (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1940 ..	327.8	128.3	456.1	25.0	255.9	737.0
1945 ..	560.1	149.4	709.5	68.4	602.5	1,380.4
1950 ..	361.7	216.4	578.1	122.0	752.0	1,452.1
1955 ..	175.5	264.3	439.8	130.8	855.8	1,426.4
1956 ..	139.4	271.4	410.8	127.6	877.7	1,416.1
1957 ..	115.3	267.6	382.9	116.4	886.3	1,385.6
1958 ..	99.1	266.5	365.6	103.2	880.7	1,349.5
1959 ..	93.0	272.2	365.2	91.0	920.2	1,376.4
1960 ..	87.6	281.8	369.4	81.9	955.9	1,407.2
1961 ..	79.9	285.7	365.6	78.7	945.4	1,389.7
1962 ..	73.3	293.0	366.3	76.0	961.2	1,403.5
1963 ..	61.2	287.4	348.6	56.2	985.8	1,390.6
1964 ..	55.6	295.8	351.4	46.4	1,010.3	1,408.1
1965 ..	55.7	310.1	365.8	41.7	1,036.3	1,443.8
1966 ..	58.7	306.5	365.2	39.2	1,074.1	1,478.5
1967 ..	52.5	352.0	404.5	35.6	1,115.9	1,556.0
1968 ..	53.1	358.2	411.3	35.9	1,115.5	1,562.7
1969 ..	54.8	380.4	435.3	32.5	1,157.9	1,625.6
1970 ..	55.2	384.4	439.6	31.5	1,236.3	1,707.4
P 1971	48.8	379.4	428.2	32.3	1,280.2	1,740.7



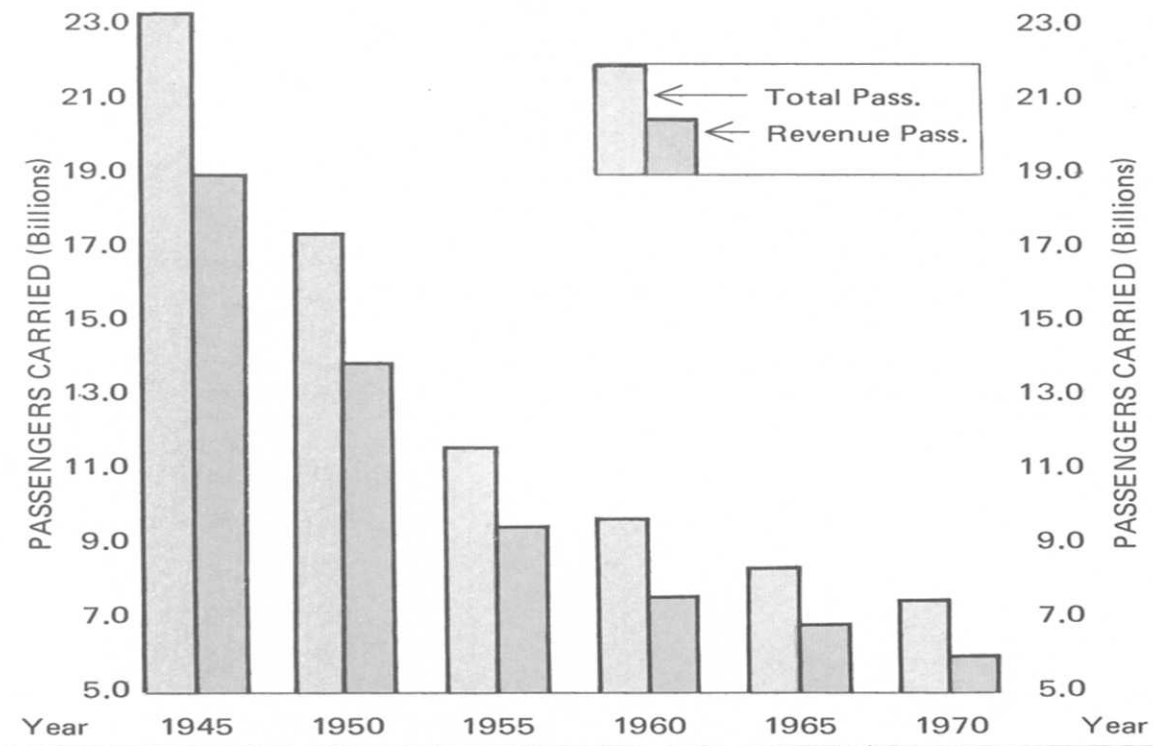
## TREND OF PASSENGER REVENUE

**TABLE NO. 8**  
**Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH  (Millions)	MOTOR BUS  (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL  (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935 ..	\$357.8	\$127.8	\$485.6	\$ 5.5	\$151.2	\$642.3
1940 ..	304.0	123.8	427.8	24.9	248.8	701.5
1945 ..	513.4	142.3	655.7	68.0	590.0	1,313.7
1950 ..	322.4	209.6	532.0	120.6	734.2	1,386.8
1955 ..	146.6	257.5	404.1	128.5	826.3	1,358.9
1956 ..	117.1	264.2	381.3	124.5	845.3	1,351.1
1957 ..	97.0	260.5	357.5	112.7	849.6	1,319.8
1958 ..	83.5	259.4	342.9	100.1	839.2	1,282.2
1959 ..	78.5	262.9	341.4	89.9	877.0	1,308.3
1960 ..	74.0	269.6	343.6	81.0	910.3	1,334.9
1961 ..	73.1	273.5	346.6	76.5	897.8	1,320.9
1962 ..	66.3	280.1	346.4	73.7	910.1	1,330.2
1963 ..	54.8	274.6	329.4	54.7	932.2	1,316.3
1964 ..	48.3	282.3	330.6	45.0	950.4	1,326.0
1965 ..	48.6	279.0	327.6	40.6	971.9	1,340.1
1966 ..	51.8	297.0	348.8	38.5	998.1	1,385.4
1967 ..	44.8	340.4	385.2	34.9	1,037.3	1,457.4
1968 ..	44.0	341.7	385.7	34.8	1,049.7	1,470.2
1969 ..	45.9	362.5	408.4	31.5	1,114.8	1,554.7
1970 ..	46.6	368.5	415.1	30.4	1,193.6	1,639.1
P 1971	40.1	363.8	403.9	31.2	1,226.8	1,661.9

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**FIGURE II**  
**PATRONAGE TRENDS 1945 - 1970**



## TREND OF AVERAGE FARE

**TABLE NO. 9**  
**Trend of Average Fare (Passenger Revenue/Revenue Passengers)**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1935	6.94¢	5.67¢	6.55¢	7.19¢	6.58¢	6.57¢
1940	7.27	5.43	7.83	5.94	6.87	6.68
1945	7.25	5.57	6.80	6.79	7.07	6.92
1950	11.56	9.92	10.85	9.56	9.56	10.02
1955	17.35	14.79	15.63	14.79	14.41	14.79
1956	18.74	15.11	16.06	15.29	15.18	15.43
1957	19.76	15.27	16.27	16.03	15.62	15.83
1958	20.12	15.87	16.73	16.88	16.34	16.48
1959	20.77	15.96	16.86	17.39	17.17	17.10
1960	22.09	16.14	17.14	18.12	17.96	17.75
1961	22.63	16.28	17.30	18.89	18.57	18.24
1962	23.35	16.44	17.42	20.42	19.07	18.68
1963	23.03	16.35	17.35	20.72	19.62	19.04
1964	22.68	16.63	17.30	21.03	20.10	19.35
1965	23.82	16.63	17.41	21.83	20.55	19.71
1966	24.55	18.75	19.43	22.13	21.23	20.77
1967	22.86	20.86	21.07	22.52	22.39	22.03
1968	23.49	21.00	21.26	22.86	23.20	22.65
1969	25.03	21.89	22.20	23.28	25.71	24.64
1970	27.03	23.42	23.78	23.84	29.41	27.63
P 1971	25.85	24.17	24.33	27.59	32.23	29.78

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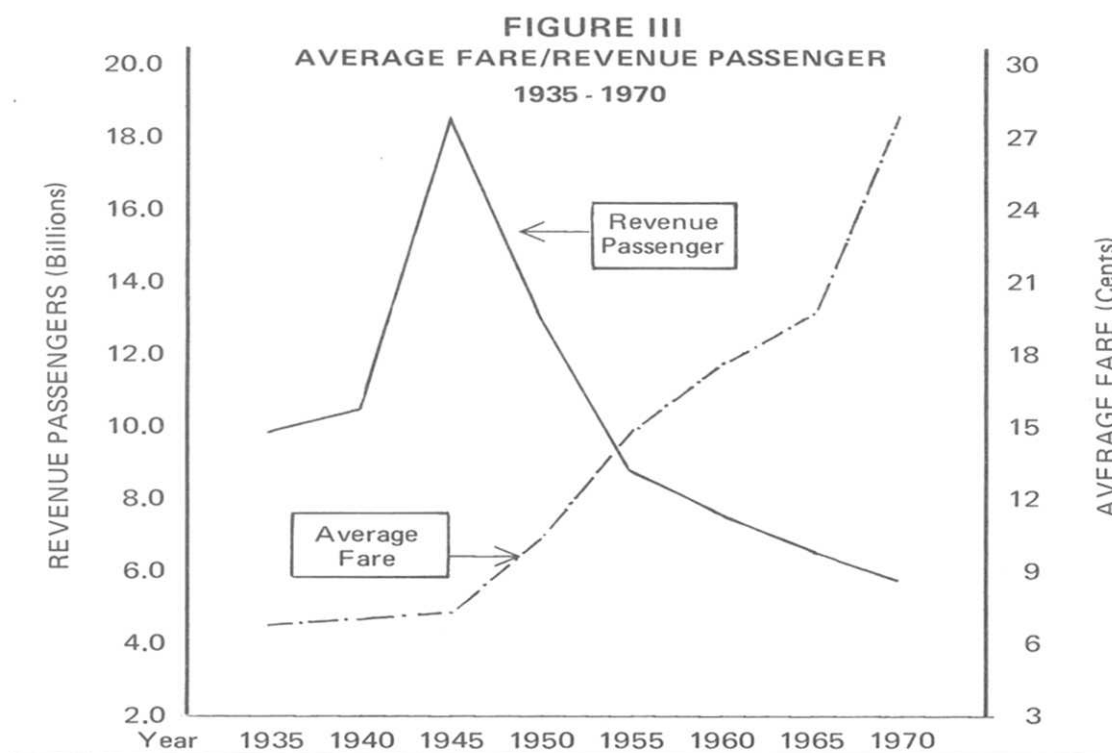
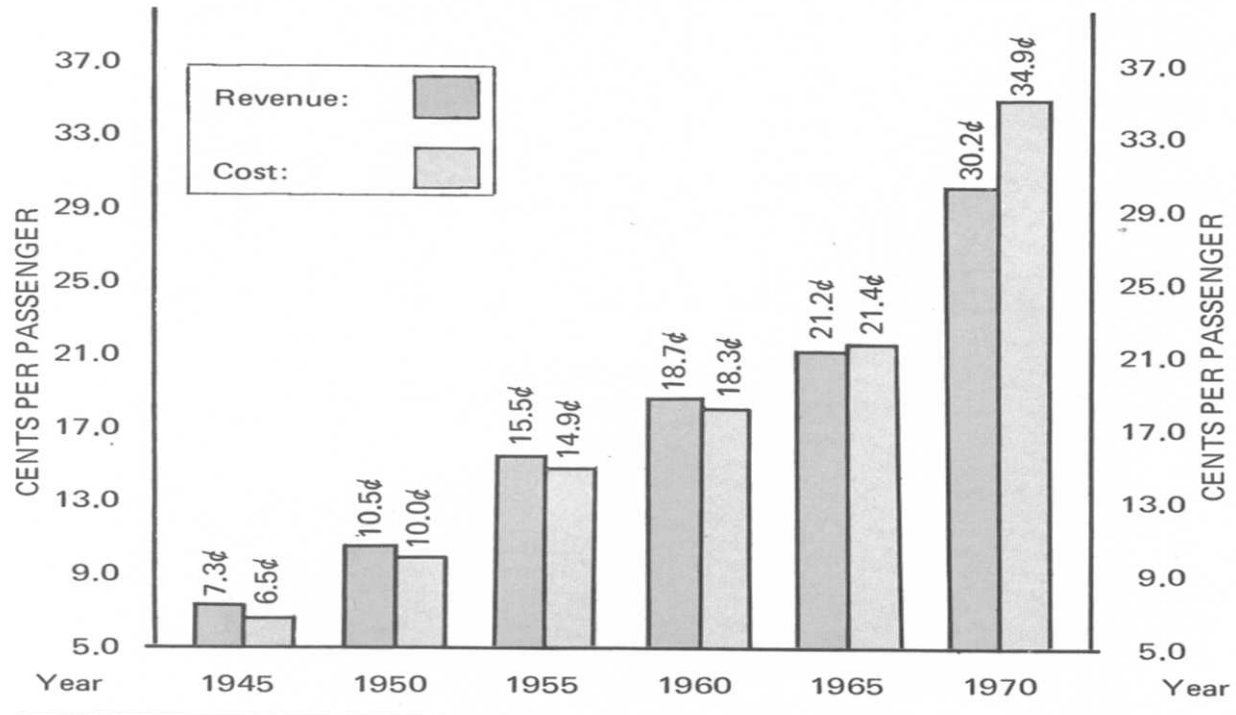


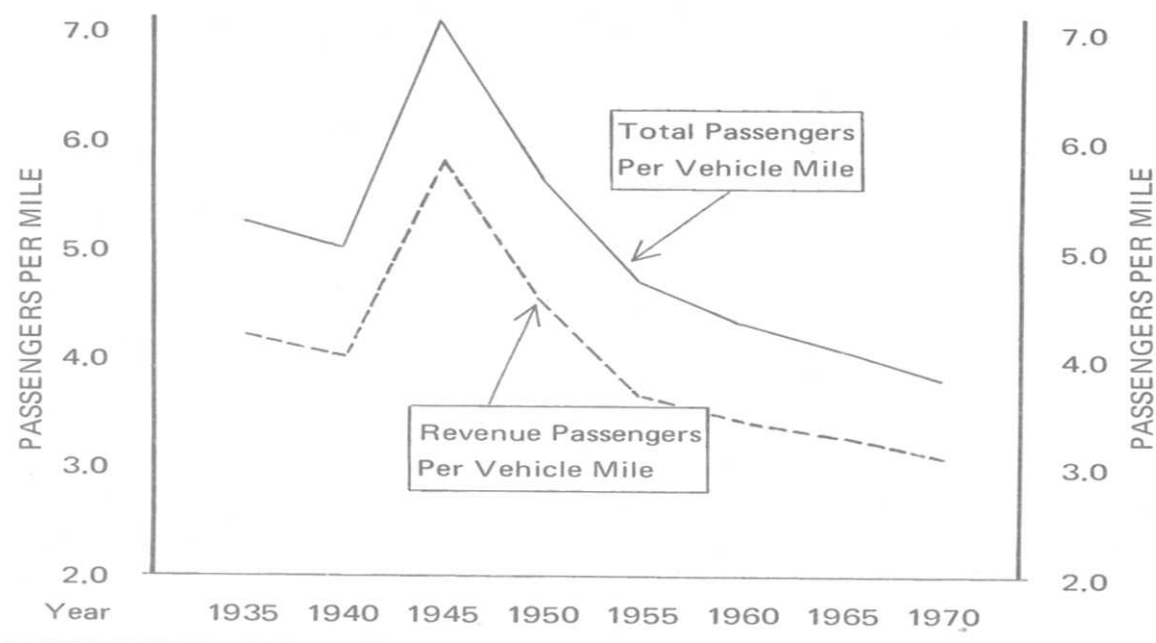
FIGURE IV

OPERATING REVENUE/COST PER  
REVENUE PASSENGER 1945-1970



**FIGURE V**

**PASSENGER PER MILE TRENDS 1935 - 1970**



**EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL**

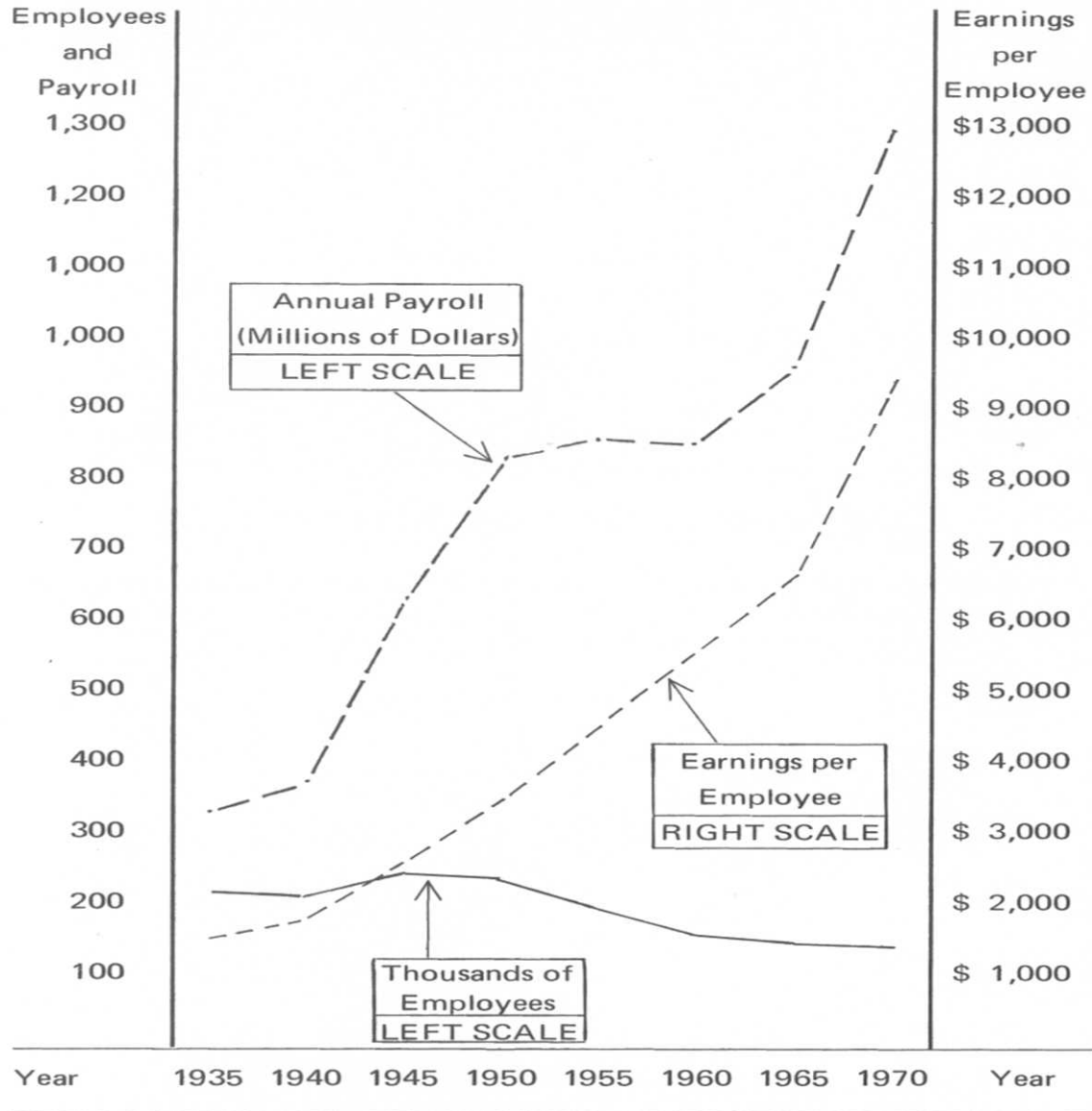
**TABLE NO. 10**

**Number of Employees, Annual Payroll and Average Annual Earnings per Employee in the Transit Industry of the United States At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PAYROLL	AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE
1935	209,000	\$321,000,000	\$1,536
1940	203,000	360,000,000	1,773
1945	242,000	632,000,000	2,612
1950	240,000	835,000,000	3,479
1955	198,000	864,000,000	4,364
1956	186,000	852,000,000	4,581
1957	177,000	840,000,000	4,746
1958	165,000	831,000,000	5,036
1959	159,100	832,000,000	5,229
1960	156,400	857,300,000	5,481
1961	151,800	856,400,000	5,642
1962	149,100	878,100,000	5,889
1963	147,200	892,300,000	6,062
1964	144,800	916,900,000	6,332
1965	145,000	963,500,000	6,645
1966	144,300	994,900,000	6,895
1967	146,100	1,055,100,000	7,222
1968	143,590	1,109,500,000	7,727
1969	140,860	1,183,807,000	8,404
1970	138,040	1,274,109,000	9,230
P 1971	139,120	\$1,393,148,000	\$10,014

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**FIGURE VI**  
**TRANSIT INDUSTRY**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYEE EARNINGS**



## TREND OF VEHICLE MILES OPERATED

**TABLE NO. 11**  
**Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated in the United States**  
**by Each Type of Transit Vehicle**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALEN- DAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH  (Millions)	MOTOR BUS  (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL  (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935 ..	1,147.7	438.6	1,586.3	14.6	711.1	2,312.0
1940 ..	844.7	470.8	1,315.5	86.0	1,194.5	2,596.0
1945 ..	939.8	458.4	1,398.2	133.3	1,722.3	3,253.8
1950 ..	463.1	443.4	906.5	205.7	1,895.4	3,007.6
1955 ..	178.3	382.8	561.1	176.5	1,709.9	2,447.5
1956 ..	132.9	387.1	520.0	165.7	1,680.9	2,366.6
1957 ..	106.6	388.0	494.6	146.5	1,648.4	2,289.5
1958 ..	89.9	386.5	476.4	131.0	1,593.6	2,201.0
1959 ..	81.3	388.7	470.0	112.4	1,576.5	2,158.9
1960 ..	74.8	390.9	465.7	100.7	1,576.4	2,142.8
1961 ..	69.4	385.1	454.5	92.9	1,529.7	2,077.1
1962 ..	61.5	386.7	448.2	84.0	1,515.2	2,047.4
1963 ..	48.9	387.3	436.2	62.4	1,523.1	2,021.7
1964 ..	42.9	395.8	438.7	49.2	1,527.9	2,015.8
1965 ..	41.6	395.3	436.9	43.0	1,528.3	2,008.2
1966 ..	42.9	378.9	421.8	40.1	1,521.7	1,983.6
1967 ..	37.8	396.5	434.3	36.5	1,526.0	1,996.8
1968 ..	37.5	406.8	444.3	36.2	1,508.2	1,988.7
1969 ..	36.0	416.6	452.6	35.8	1,478.3	1,966.7
1970 ..	33.7	407.1	440.8	33.0	1,409.3	1,883.1
P 1971	32.7	407.4	440.0	30.8	1,375.5	1,846.3

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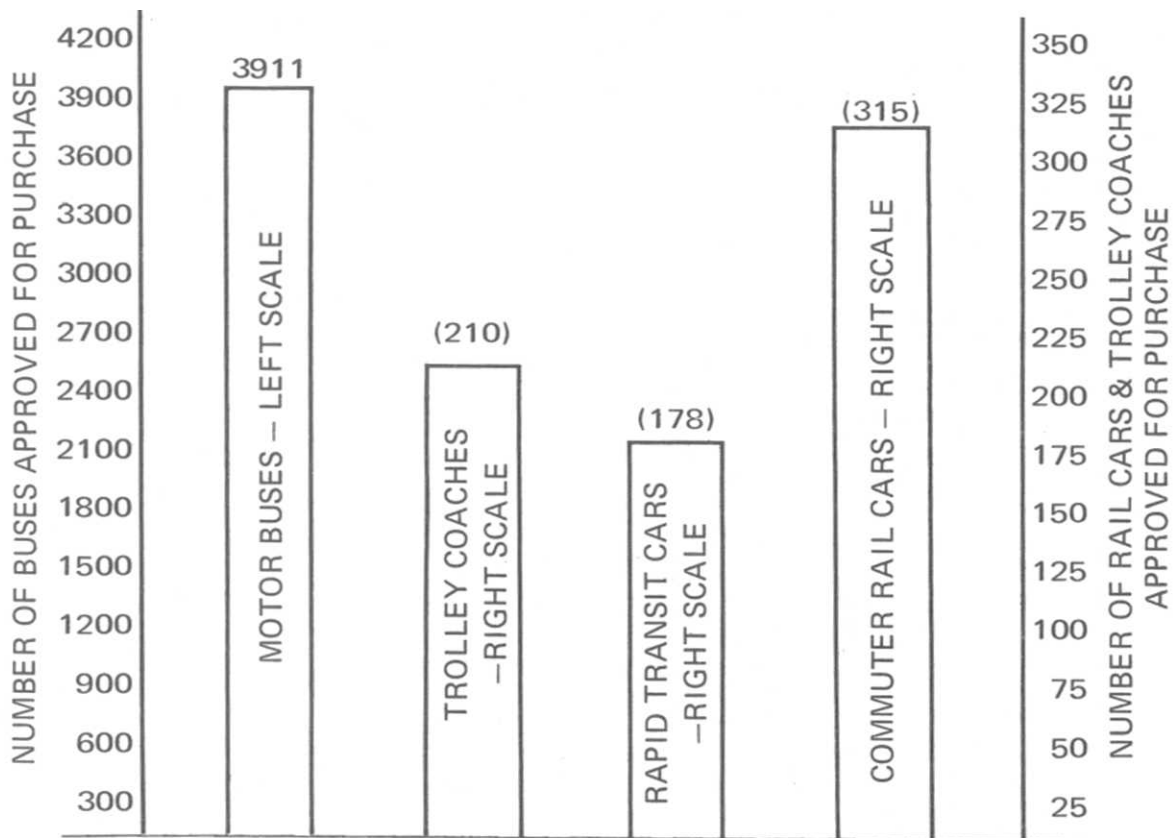


## FEDERAL COMMITMENT: CAPITAL GRANTS-1971

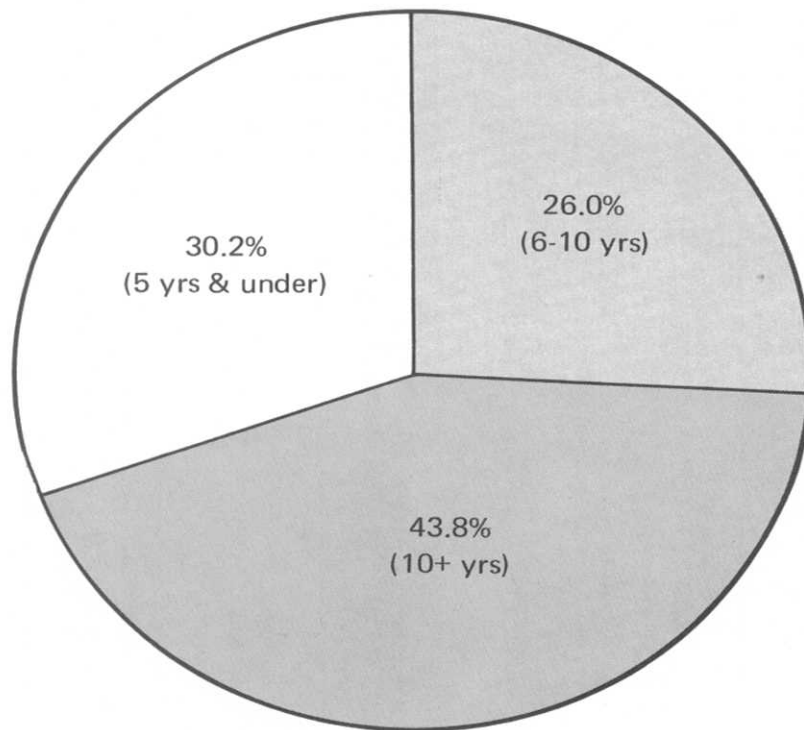
TABLE NO. 12

Number of Capital Grants .....	67
Total Federal Commitment .....	\$485.7 million
Federal Commitment by Type	
Bus & Acquisition .....	\$179.7 million
Rail .....	243.7 million
New Systems .....	60.0 million
Other .....	2.3 million

**FIGURE VII  
APPROVED CAPITAL GRANT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**



**FIGURE IX BUS AGE PROFILE - 1971 Estimate**



## TREND OF NEW EQUIPMENT

**TABLE NO. 13**  
**New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Systems in**  
**the United States**  
**Annually 1940-1971**

CALEN- DAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1940 ..	463	189	652	618	3,984	5,254
1941 ..	462	0	462	227	5,600	6,289
1942 ..	284	0	284	356	7,200	7,840
1943 ..	32	0	32	116	1,251	1,399
1944 ..	284	0	284	60	3,807	4,151
1945 ..	332	0	332	161	4,441	4,934
1946 ..	421	0	421	266	6,463	7,150
1947 ..	626	2	628	955	12,029	13,612
1948 ..	478	248	726	1,430	7,009	9,165
1949 ..	273	415	688	680	3,358	4,726
1950 ..	4	199	203	179	2,668	3,050
1951 ..	56	140	196	600	4,552	5,348
1952 ..	19	0	19	224	1,749	1,992
1953 ..	0	0	0	0	2,246	2,246
1954 ..	0	260	260	0	2,225	2,485
1955 ..	0	288	288	43	2,098	2,429
1956 ..	0	376	376	0	2,759	3,135
1957 ..	0	469	469	0	1,946	2,415
1958 ..	0	428	428	0	1,698	2,126
1959 ..	0	210	210	0	1,537	1,747
1960 ..	0	416	416	0	2,806	3,222
1961 ..	0	468	468	0	2,415	2,883
1962 ..	0	406	406	0	2,000	2,406
1963 ..	0	658	658	0	3,200	3,858
1964 ..	0	640	640	0	2,500	3,140
1965 ..	0	580	580	0	3,000	3,580
1966 ..	0	179	179	0	3,100	3,279
1967 ..	0	85	85	0	2,500	2,585
1968 ..	0	384	384	0	2,228	2,612
1969 ..	0	650	650	0	2,230	2,880
1970 ..	0	308	308	0	1,442	1,750
P 1971	0	250	250	1	2,514	2,764

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## SIZE OF NEW BUSES

**TABLE NO. 14**  
**Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1971**

YEAR	UNDER 21 SEATS	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL
1943 .....	*	847	179	225	1,251
1944 .....	*	2,423	369	1,015	3,807
1945 .....	*	1,757	1,183	1,501	4,441
1946 .....	*	1,849	2,429	2,185	6,463
1947 .....	*	1,951	3,717	6,361	12,029
1948 .....	*	523	2,144	4,342	7,009
1949 .....	*	289	1,344	1,725	3,358
1950 .....	*	205	852	1,611	2,668
1951 .....	*	148	1,711	2,693	4,552
1952 .....	*	36	458	1,165	1,749
1953 .....	*	30	499	1,717	2,246
1954 .....	*	22	359	1,844	2,225
1955 .....	*	8	229	1,861	2,098
1956 .....	*	8	162	2,589	2,759
1957 .....	*	0	129	1,817	1,946
1958 .....	*	2	177	1,419	1,698
1959 .....	*	1	157	1,379	1,537
1960 .....	*	0	173	2,633	2,806
1961 .....	*	0	105	2,310	2,415
1962 .....	*	4	76	1,920	2,000
1963 .....	*	18	97	3,085	3,200
1964 .....	*	0	169	2,331	2,500
1965 .....	*	6	225	2,769	3,000
1966 .....	*	36	312	2,752	3,100
1967 .....	*	32	260	2,208	2,500
1968 .....	*	63	171	1,994	2,228
1969 .....	*	65	163	2,002	2,230
1970 .....	*	77	73	1,274	1,442
P 1971 .....	65	30	70	2,349	2,514

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\* Data not available

## TREND OF TRANSIT EQUIPMENT OWNED

**TABLE NO. 15**  
**Trends of Transit Passenger Equipment in the United States by**  
**Types of Equipment**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

AS OF DECEM- BER 31ST	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1935 ..	40,050	10,416	50,466	578	23,800	74,844
1940 ..	26,630	11,032	37,662	2,802	35,000	75,464
1945 ..	26,160	10,217	36,377	3,711	49,670	89,758
1950 ..	13,228	9,758	22,986	6,504	56,820	86,310
1955 ..	5,300	9,232	14,532	6,157	52,400	73,089
1956 ..	3,970	9,255	13,225	5,748	51,400	70,373
1957 ..	3,601	9,158	12,759	5,412	50,800	68,971
1958 ..	3,108	9,093	12,201	4,848	50,100	67,149
1959 ..	2,983	9,000	11,983	4,297	49,500	65,780
1960 ..	2,856	9,010	11,866	3,826	49,600	65,292
1961 ..	2,341	9,078	11,419	3,593	49,000	64,012
1962 ..	2,219	8,865	11,084	3,161	48,800	63,045
1963 ..	1,756	8,878	10,634	2,155	49,400	62,189
1964 ..	1,553	9,061	10,614	1,865	49,200	61,679
1965 ..	1,549	9,115	10,664	1,453	49,600	61,717
1966 ..	1,407	9,273	10,680	1,326	50,130	62,136
1967 ..	1,388	9,257	10,645	1,244	50,180	62,069
1968 ..	1,355	9,390	10,745	1,185	50,000	61,930
1969 ..	1,322	9,343	10,665	1,082	49,600	61,347
1970 ..	1,262	9,338	10,600	1,050	49,700	61,350
P 1971	1,225	9,325	10,350	1,037	49,150	60,737

## ELECTRIC POWER – MOTOR FUEL

**TABLE NO. 16**  
**Electrical Energy and Motor Fuel Consumed by the Transit Industry of**  
**the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1940-1955 and Annually 1955-1971**

CALENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS CONSUMED (IN MILLIONS)				GALLONS OF MOTOR FUEL USED (IN THOUSANDS)		
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL	GASOLINE	DIESEL OIL	PROPANE
1940 ..	1,977	4,050	307	6,334	*	*	0
1945 ..	1,966	4,547	520	7,033	510,000	11,800	0
1950 ..	2,000	2,410	841	5,251	(a)430,000	98,600	(a)
1955 ..	1,900	910	720	3,530	246,000	172,600	30,300
1956 ..	1,960	700	680	3,340	219,400	183,500	30,300
1957 ..	1,980	560	600	3,140	198,400	190,000	34,200
1958 ..	2,073	485	535	3,093	181,700	192,700	35,100
1959 ..	2,067	431	464	2,962	167,800	196,600	36,600
1960 ..	2,098	393	417	2,908	153,600	208,100	38,300
1961 ..	2,108	362	381	2,851	125,900	217,500	35,700
1962 ..	2,115	325	346	2,786	108,400	229,000	36,100
1963 ..	2,125	255	262	2,642	102,500	235,300	35,900
1964 ..	2,171	222	204	2,597	95,900	242,200	33,400
1965 ..	2,185	218	181	2,584	91,500	248,400	32,700
1966 ..	2,075	226	166	2,467	76,000	256,000	33,600
1967 ..	2,194	180	157	2,531	57,800	270,300	33,000
1968 ..	2,250	179	157	2,586	45,700	274,200	32,200
1969 ..	2,291	173	154	2,618	40,000	273,800	31,600
1970 ..	2,261	157	143	2,561	37,200	270,600	31,000
P 1971	2,262	153	141	2,556	29,400	256,800	26,500

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(a) Propane included with gasoline.



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